No. 21.

JANUARY 6, 1807.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A Bill,

To provide for surveying the coasts of the United States.



Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That the president of the United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, to cause a survey to be taken of the coasts of the United States, in which shall be designated, the islands and shoals, with the roads or places of anchorage, within twenty leagues of any part of the shores of the United States, and also the respective courses and distances between the principal capes, or head lands, together with such other matters, as he may deem proper,

10 for completing an accurate chart, of every part of the coasts within

11 the extent aforesaid.

- 1 Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the
- 2 president of the United States, to cause such examinations and
- 3 observations to be made, with respect to St. George's bank, and
- 4 any other bank or shoal, and the soundings and currents beyond
- 5 the distance aforesaid, as in his opinion may be especially subser-
- 6 vient to the commercial interests of the United States.
- 1 Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the president of the
- 2 United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized and requested,
- 3 for any of the purposes aforesaid, to cause proper and intelligent
- 4 persons to be employed, and also such of the public vessels in ac-
- 5 tual service, as he may judge expedient, and to give instructions
- 6 for regulating their conduct as to him may appear proper, accord-
- 7 ing to the tenor of this act.
- I Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That for carrying this act in-
- 2 to effect, there shall be, and hereby is appropriated, a sum not ex-
- 3 ceeding dollars, to be paid out of any
- 4 monies in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.